

## Ground Operations

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### 1. Project Description

#### A. Statement of GO Activity

This project consists of facilities maintenance of staging areas and OHV campgrounds, and 45 miles of trails, 225 Miles of road, 140 acres of open use areas. Conservation activities including Monitoring Surveys of 45 miles of OHV routes and 140 acres of open use areas.

Facility maintenance activities include restocking toilet paper in vault toilets, trash removal and removal of graffiti as needed in the following areas:

1. Restroom Cleaning- in the Rowher Flats, Drinkwater Flats and Indian Canyon OHV staging areas
  2. Trash Removal- including ground litter trash can service in the Rowher, Indian Canyon and Drinkwater Flats staging areas.
  3. Maintaining OHV information sign boards covering OHV laws and regulations, safety ect...
  4. Repairing and installing vehicle barriers along OHV routes
  5. Signing- replacement, repair and installation of OHV route difficulty, type of vehicle use, OHV route name or number. and trail directions signs on 45 miles of trails and 225 miles of roads.
  6. Trash removal along OHV 45 miles of OHV trails.
  7. Brushing- (removing excess vegetation from within the parameters of the width of the trail). This is accomplished using chain saws; pruning shears.
2. All OHV trails will be surveyed for soil loss using the OHV Trail Condition Evaluation form for impacts to natural and cultural resources including stream channel crossings and documented to determine if there are any impacts from legal OHV use.

#### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This project will minimize the damage to natural and cultural resources by repairing and installing OHV signs and vehicle barriers to protect known archaeological sites and endangered species habitats. Provide brushing of OHV trails before trails become overgrown thus not encouraging them to leave the designated trail resulting in damage to natural and cultural resources. This project will also provide regular facility maintenance to reduce the amount of human waste and trash into the environment thus protecting the water quality of wildlife habitats and provide a clean and safe environment in the staging areas.

#### C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles

This project consists of conservation activities for 45 miles of OHV trails, 140 acres of open use areas and facilities maintenance for four staging areas and two campgrounds that are located along the Back Country Trail System.

#### D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

Littlerock staging- serves the Antelope valley area of north Los Angeles county

Rowher Flats staging- serves the Los Angeles metropolitan area

Drinkwater Flat staging- serves the Los Angeles metropolitan area

Indian Canyon staging- serves the Los Angeles metropolitan area

Sawmill and Bear campgrounds - serves the Antelope valley area of north Los Angeles county

San Gabriel Canyon OHV area-serves the Los Angeles metropolitan area

Bouquet Canyon Trailhead staging-serves the Los Angeles metropolitan area

Opportunities include OHV routes for motorcycle ATV's, 4X4's, Dune Buggies and ATV training courses. The OHV routes range from easy to most difficult with some routes providing short or long distance travel. Rowher Flat area also provides a kids area for beginning riders of motorcycles and ATVs.

## 2. Rerouting Requirements

### Rerouting

(a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

## Additional Documentation

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**1. Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

Attachments:

[OHV Route Map](#)

**2. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

**3. Project-Specific Maps**

**4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

## Project Cost Estimate

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Angeles National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Ground Operations	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-02-01-G01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>This project consists of facilities maintenance of staging areas and OHV campgrounds, and 45 miles of trails, 225 Miles of road, 140 acres of open use areas. Conservation activities including Monitoring Surveys of 45 miles of OHV routes and 140 acres of open use areas.</p> <p>Facility maintenance activities include restocking toilet paper in vault toilets, trash removal and removal of graffiti as needed in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restroom Cleaning- in the Rowher Flats, Drinkwater Flats and Indian Canyon OHV staging areas</li> <li>2. Trash Removal- including ground litter trash can service in the Rowher, Indian Canyon and Drinkwater Flats staging areas.</li> <li>3. Maintaining OHV information sign boards covering OHV laws and regulations, safety ect...</li> <li>4. Repairing and installing vehicle barriers along OHV routes</li> <li>5. Signing- replacement, repair and installation of OHV route difficulty, type of vehicle use, OHV route name or number. and trail directions signs on 45 miles of trails and 225 miles of roads.</li> <li>6. Trash removal along OHV 45 miles of OHV trails.</li> <li>7. Brushing- (removing excess vegetation from within the parameters of the width of the trail). This is accomplished using chain saws; pruning shears.</li> </ol> <p>2. All OHV trails will be surveyed for soil loss using the OHV Trail Condition Evaluation form for impacts to natural and cultural resources including stream channel crossings and documented to determine if there are any impacts from legal OHV use.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	Staff						
	Other-OHV Specialist GS-9	50.000	330.000	DAY	6,600.00	9,900.00	16,500.00
	Other-OHV Specialist GS-7	90.000	280.000	DAY	16,800.00	8,400.00	25,200.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-OHV Specialist GS-5 Notes : SCMRRD-3-GS-5	270.000	200.000	DAY	36,000.00	18,000.00	54,000.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist Notes : Biologists working from of SO	3.000	370.000	DAY	1,110.00	0.00	1,110.00
	Other-Soil Scientist Notes : Siols scientist working from SO	3.000	370.000	DAY	1,110.00	0.00	1,110.00
	Other-Archeologist Notes : Archeologist working from SO	3.000	370.000	DAY	1,110.00	0.00	1,110.00
	Other-Botonist Notes : Botonist working from SO	3.000	370.000	DAY	1,110.00	0.00	1,110.00
	Other-Volunteer	100.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Other-Inmate Labor	200.000	19.000	HRS	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
	Other-Maintenance Crew	90.000	200.000	HRS	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				81,840.00	42,100.00	123,940.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-surveys Notes : Sana Ana survey in the San Gabriel OHV area	1.000	31000.000	MISC	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Other-Chainsaw Repair & Maint. Notes : SCMRRD	1.000	500.000	MISC	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-Barriers	1.000	6000.000	MISC	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
	Other-Hand Tools	1.000	500.000	MISC	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Janitorial	1.000	2500.000	MISC	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	Other-Trail signs	100.000	30.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
4	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-MC/ATV/Class 903 For Notes : SCMRRD-Match 2-ATV @ 11 mos. ea.	48.000	192.000	MOS	0.00	9,216.00	9,216.00
	Other-4x4 PU/Class 265 For Notes : SCMRRD-Match, 4 Vehicles @ 10 mos. ea.	40.000	410.000	MOS	0.00	16,400.00	16,400.00
	Other-4x4 PU/Class 265 Use Notes : SCMRRD-Match. 4 Vehicles @10,000 mi. ea.	40000.00 0	0.420	MI	16,800.00	0.00	16,800.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				16,800.00	25,616.00	42,416.00
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
6	<b>Others</b>						
7	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs	1.000	14000.000	YR	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					142,140.00	81,716.00	223,856.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					142,140.00	81,716.00	223,856.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>142,140.00</b>	<b>81,716.00</b>	<b>223,856.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	81,840.00	42,100.00	123,940.00	
2	Contracts	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	16,800.00	25,616.00	42,416.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		142,140.00	81,716.00	223,856.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		142,140.00	81,716.00	223,856.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>142,140.00</b>	<b>81,716.00</b>	<b>223,856.00</b>	

## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

This project consists of facilities maintenance of staging areas and OHV campgrounds, and repairing signs or barriers on 45 miles of trails, signs on 225 Miles of road, signs and barriers of 140 acres of open use areas  
Conservation activities including Monitoring Surveys of 45 miles of OHV routes and 140 acres of open use areas.  
No ground disturbing work will be preformed under this project request.

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

### ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

### ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

### ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

### ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.



**ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

## Evaluation Criteria

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### 1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)  
☒ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)  
☐ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)  
☐ Potential trespass (2 points)  
☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The failure to complete this project will result in the loss of OHV opportunity by allowing the OHV user to leave the designated trails resulting in damage to natural and cultural resources. Some OHV trails are located in or by known archeological sites that have been determined by consensus with the California State Historic Preservation Officer to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. These OHV trails would have to be closed to protect these natural and cultural resources

### 3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)  
☐ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)  
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)  
☒ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)  
☒ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The ANF maintains 270 miles of 4x4, ATV and dirt bike routes ranging from easy to most difficult. The use of vehicle barriers is utilized along with natural vegetation and topography to insure the protection of natural and cultural resources and prevent OHV use outside of designated areas and off of designated dirt bike, ATV and 4x4 routes. Signs such as educational and regulatory are maintained in the staging areas and at trailheads.

### 4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The forest meets every month with the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) that consists of users from the motorized and non-motorized communities to develop OHV related projects. In addition two public noticed meetings were held in February and March in conjunction with CTUC's regular scheduled meeting.

**5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.**

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

The OHV clubs are part of the Adopt-A-Trail program and provide labor for monitoring and trail projects. The clubs involved include: Antelope Valley Four Wheelers, High Desert Four Wheelers, California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), The Shamrocks Motorcycle Club and state inmates.

**6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.**

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 5

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)  
☒ Protecting water quality (1 point)  
☐ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)  
☒ Protecting special-status species (1 point)  
☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)  
☒ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)  
☒ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)  
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

This project will minimize the damage to natural and cultural resources by providing maintenance of OHV route signs and vehicle barriers allowing OHV users leave the designated trails where the OHV trails are located in or by known archeological sites or special species habitats reducing the damage natural and cultural resources. This project will also provide regular facility maintenance at four OHV staging areas with vault style toilets to reduce the amount of human waste and trash into the environment and damaging the water quality and wildlife habitats.

**7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.**

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 1

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)  
☒ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)

- ☐ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)
- ☐ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

**8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.**

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 0

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

**9. Motorized Access - Q 9.**

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☒ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)